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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the patents and publications are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☒ (1) within three (3) months of the **filing date** of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), or within three (3) months of the **date of entry of the national stage** as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing of the **first Office action** on the merits, or before the mailing of a **first Office action** after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114; or
- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action** or a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **OR**
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- ☐ (3) after the mailing date of a **final action** or **notice of allowance** but before the payment of the **issue fee**, **AND**
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **AND**
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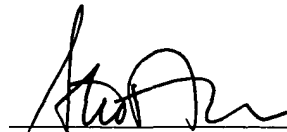
It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), Applicant(s), through the undersigned, hereby state either that **[check the appropriate space only if either (2) or (3) is checked on the previous page and the Statement is required]**:

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	A1	6,202,556 B1	Lagger	101	216	12/3/99		
	A2	5,477,779	Kawabe	101	116	8/15/94		
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	A5	4,134,340	Larson	101	127.1	4/13/77		
	A6	4,026,208	Horne, Jr. et al.	101	116	5/13/75		
	A7	3,759,800	Reinke	204	16	9/27/71		
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